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How an Owl's Head Revolves.

A contributor to the *American Naturalist*, who had read a funny story about an owl wringing his own neck by looking at a man who was walking around him, tested the matter by experiment. He obtained a fine specimen and placed him on top of a post. "It was not difficult," says the writer, "to secure his attention, for he never diverted his gaze from me while I was in his presence. I began walking rapidly around the post a few feet from it, keeping my eyes fixed upon him all the while. His body remained motionless, but his head turned exactly with my movements. When I was half-way round his head was directly behind. Three-quarters of a circle were completed and still the same twist of the neck and the same stare followed me. One circle, and no change. On I went, twice round, and still that watchful stare and steady turn of the head. On I went, three times round, and I began to really wonder why the head did not drop off, when all at once I discovered what I had failed to notice before. When I reached half-way round from the front, which was as far as he could turn his head to follow my movements with comfort, he whisked his head back through the whole circle so instantaneously, and brought it facing me with such precision, that I failed to detect the movement, although I was looking intently all the time. I repeated the experiment many times afterward on the same bird, and I had always to watch carefully to detect the movement of the readjustment of his gaze."

A Mean Man Buys a Mouse-Trap.

From the Newburyport (Mass.) Herald. Almost every city and town lays claim to the meanest man, but we believe that about the smallest specimen of a mean man resides in Newburyport. A few days ago he called at a hardware store and represented that he was troubled with a mouse in his pantry at home, at the same time asking the clerk for the loan of a mouse-trap to catch the animal. The clerk replied that was hardly the way business was done at that establishment, but informed the gentleman who was being impoverished by the mouse that a good trap could be purchased for 20 cents. After some dickering, the bargain was concluded. A few days afterward, however, in walked the owner of the trap with the information that he had been successful in catching the mouse, and that the article would be of no further use to him. This was followed by a request that the storekeeper take back the trap and return him the original price. This was rather a staggerer in the way of cheek, but the man behind the counter quietly took out 20 cents, passed it over to the M. M., and remarked that he would refund the money and at the same time present him with the trap. Gracefully thanking him, the M. M. quickly pocketed the cash and trap, and walked out with the satisfied air of conscious rectitude.

The Corn Beetle in Russia.

If the accounts from central and southern Russia are to be believed, the corn beetle, which may be ranked as first cousin to the Colorado potato beetle, has been committing fearful ravages there, displaying a healthiness of appetite which bodes ill for the future agricultural prosperity of that region. The pest has been spreading ever since 1866, and the damage wrought last year in the districts of Pultov, Ekaterinoslav, Saratoff, Kherson and the provinces of the Don was equal to 15,000,000 roubles. Neglect and idleness have allowed the destroy to multiply so fast that it will be very difficult now to check him. Wherever the ground has been dug up, enormous quantities of chrysanthemums have been found, which in spring will turn into beetles.

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The Word "Soxidont."

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Washoe..... 7.15 " 9.15 " 9.15 "

Franktown..... 7.45 " 9.45 " 9.45 "

Carson..... 8.15 " 10.15 " 8.45 Ar

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Empire..... 8.45 " 10.45 " 5.21 De

Empire..... 9.05 a. m. 12.05 p. m. 5.51 "

Gold Hill..... 9.45 " 10.45 " 6.34 "

Gold Hill..... 9.55 " 11.30 " 6.45 "

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Stations. Express. Local Pass. Local Pass.

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Gold Hill..... 6.30 " 9.05 " 9.05 "

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THE ANNEXATION OF CANADA.

A society has been formed in New York to agitate the annexation of Canada to the United States. The society is to be known as the Annexation League, and is, at present, principally composed of citizens of the Dominion of Canada. The President, in the course of his opening address said: "Whatever glimmer of progress or show of advancement Canada may present is only a dim reflection of the greatness and success of American institutions. The Government of Ottawa is a puerile pomposity, a system of hollow formalities and crushing expenditures in view of a people overwhelmingy burdened with taxes."

There can be but little doubt that the present form of government in Canada is not enduring. It is an attempt to graft the decaying institutions of Old England, which grew and flourished in the dark ages, upon a new country whose people are rapidly multiplying within sight of the American flag.

The material progress of Canada would undoubtedly be hastened by political union with the United States. Such a union would also be desirable for this country. And it is sure to come in time.

### A LOVER'S LEGACY.

The San Francisco Call relates the following, concerning the late Miss Nellie Crocker and Wm. A. Beck:

"A romantic story is in circulation regarding the disposition of the estate of a young Sacramento heiress, who died last month in New York. The lady, who is well known in this city, being related to one of the railroad magnates, her father having been also one of the originators of the Central Pacific, was engaged to be married to the son of an ex-Secretary of State, now in this city. A few days before she died in New York, the young lady made her will, disposing of \$600,000, which was in her own right. Remem-bering her comparatively poor friend in this state, she inserted a clause in the will, giving the young man \$100,000 in gold coin as a parting gift."

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Virginia Chronicle of last evening describes the operations of a confidence operator on the Comstock, who goes by the name of Juan Alvarez. He pretends to own a valuable mine near Reno, and shows a forged certified copy of a location notice, signed by the Recorder of Washoe County. He obtains small loans on the strength of his pretences as a mine owner, and has sold a great many small interests in his imaginary claim. Alvarez is described as an old man, of slight build, who talks broken English, and speaks in a half whisper.

Father O'Haire, a Roman Catholic priest, has spent twelve years in Africa as a missionary. He is now in England, organizing a colonizing expedition to the Transvaal. He describes the Zulus as standing "in physical and intellectual capacity supreme among the savages of the earth, and believes they may be highly civilized."

Experiments in Germany have shown that aluminum is a much better material for telegraph wires than iron. Its cost is much greater, but it has been found that an alloy of aluminum and iron can be used at moderate cost, making a wire in every way better than that now in use.

A canvass of the New York Legislature gave the following result: of 24 Senators, 11 are for Grant, 1 for Sherman, 1 for Grant or Blaine, and 11 are non-committal. Of the Assemblymen, 43 are for Grant, 14 for Blaine, 3 for Sherman, 4 for Conkling, 1 for Garfield, while 18 would not commit themselves.

Some San Francisco firms are endeavoring to get one-cent pieces into circulation, and William Wilcock has publicly raised his voice against it on behalf of "the workingmen." To such base coins we must come at last.

The cold weather continues in the California valleys. An inch of snow was on the ground at Lathrop yesterday morning, and at Visalia the snow was three inches deep and still falling.

This is how the members of the California Assembly stand on the Presidential question: 22 for Grant, 12 for Garfield, 2 for Washburne, 2 for Conkling, 1 for Sherman.

For the mock Maine Legislature the Supreme Court has no further answer.

to make. The court holds that it has no existence in law, and soon it will have no existence in fact.

Edison still maintains that his electric light will prove a practical success. The only difficulty with it so far has been the cracking of the glass globes.

Frank King made the Ogden Morning Rustler so lively a paper that he has been rewarded with a coat of tar and feathers.

The Alta meanly says that "the man who never smelt powder is the fellow who never held his nose close to a woman's cheek."

The California Republican State Convention will meet in Sacramento April 29.

### PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Mumps in Bodie. Eggs six bits a dozen in Tuscarora. Snow fell in San Francisco last Monday morning.

Popular toast in Aurora over a social glass: "Here's h—l."

The rails for the Nevada Central have all been delivered.

Barnum's circus is likely to visit the Pacific coast next summer.

The December product of the Raymond & Ely mine was \$17,753.

There are eight feet of snow at Foydale Dam, and ten feet at Meadow Lake.

The railroad office at Palisade is now connected with the telegraph office in Eureka by telephone.

Mrs. P. Sheridan, of Truckee, fell down the icy steps of her house the other day and broke her arm.

The Reville cautions laborers to keep away from Austin, and says the railroad has all the hands needed.

Nannie Williams has become the wife of Mr. Goat, of Stephensville, Texas. She is now Mrs. Nannie Goat.

The ice has entirely disappeared from the Humboldt, and Palisaders have exchanged skating for trout fishing.

Snow fell in Los Angeles Tuesday morning for the first time in fourteen years. The ground was white for six hours.

A son of Massena, one of the first Napoleon's favorite field Marshals, now in this city. A few days before she died in New York, the young lady made her will, disposing of \$600,000, which was in her own right. Remem-bering her comparatively poor friend in this state, she inserted a clause in the will, giving the young man \$100,000 in gold coin as a parting gift."

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A fisherman gave it one day as his sage opinion that the pier had been washed over some six inches.

We found said pier filled with rock and most strongly constructed. It is some eighteen feet high, supports nearly 47,000 pounds, and at its base

is submerged in water to a depth of about twenty inches. I have yet failed to detect a single point in which the contractor has not complied with his contract, with the usual care given bridges. This bridge will prove

entirely satisfactory, save with those who desire to find fault with it. It was built for this end of Washoe, and our citizens are only pleased because we have such a solid and durable structure, and one that was constructed at so light a cost to the county.

The mine near Mirage, some thirty miles northeast of this place, has lately been turning out a considerable quantity of very good looking ore. Mr. Swift and Mr. Kimball of Virginia City yesterday visited this mine and took a quantity of its ore to Virginia to give them a thorough test.

Should the result prove satisfactory they will erect a quartz mill here, and work the Desert mine ores by our water power.

The fish trade, which during the holidays had fallen off on account of the very cold weather, is now reviving.

Quite a number of white-fish are also being caught. These, I believe, were

put into the Truckee river two years ago by the California fish commission.

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That we are fully civilized, several civil lawsuits have lately claimed Justice Griswold's attention.

S. A. Arndt brought suit against Pat Arnstain and scored a victory. Attorney Wm. Cain, of your town, to-day compromised the civil action of Toomy vs. Ihli. The case of Huffaker vs. Gladding, has been continued and will be heard next Tuesday.

Wadsworth, Jan. 28, 1880.

### WADSWORTH LETTER.

A Wedding and an Accident—Sundry Departures—Another Ball—The New Bridge—Talk of a Quartz Mill—Trout and White Fish—Litigation, Etc.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The wedding which last week was postponed, is now a matter of the past. At 3 o'clock last Monday, Justice Brown, at Willow Ranch, united in wedlock Miss Henrietta Funk to Mr. J. Walker. Miss Funk is sister to our barber, Albert P.

Last Sunday, as Miss J. and Mr. P.

were riding through town, a large dog boldly advanced and frightened the lady's horse, which threw her to the ground.

She was picked up unscathed and carried into a grocery, where she received prompt medical attention from a sojourning corn doctor.

A severe cut in her chin and some slight bruises and scratches were her only injuries.

The spirit of exodus moves in

Wadsworth, and some of our best

citizens are pitching their earthly tents in other places. Conductor Cannon

has just moved his family to Truckee;

Mr. Doyle and family started last

night for Washington Territory, and

to-morrow morning Mrs. Sam Jenkins

and Miss Belle Jenkins go to Carson

to live. Mr. J. is now an engineer on

the V. & T. R. R., and has fitted up a

pleasant home for his family in the

Capital. These ladies and gentlemen

will be greatly missed here, not

merely because we can't afford to lose

numbers, but particularly because

most of them are most excellent people.

The Leap Year party seems to have

amused the social life of Wadsworth,

and with the courtesies shown

departing friends, informal social gatherings have been the order of the past week.

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L. S. B.

The capital employed in British rail roads is little less than \$5,000,000,000. It is administered by two hundred and twenty-four distinct companies, some of which pay no dividend, while others are hopelessly insolvent.

As a rule, the smaller the company the less profitable the undertaking.

A schoolmaster at Sutton, Vt., was

bound and put in a coffin by six of

his boys who intended to draw him

triumphantly through the village on a

slid, but a rescuer in the stalwart

person



